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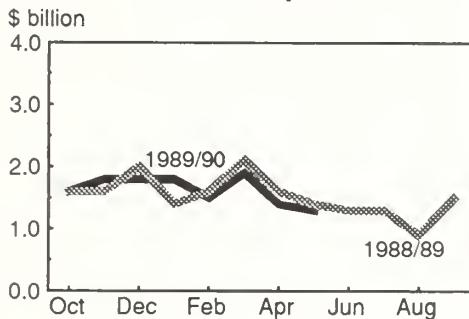
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

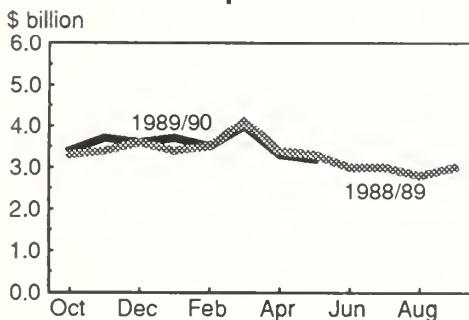
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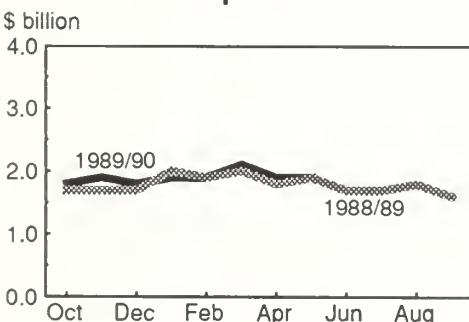
Trade Surplus



Exports



Imports



May Trade Surplus Lower - The May agricultural trade surplus fell \$170 million to \$1.3 billion, the lowest level since August 1989. Exports fell \$88 million to \$3.26 billion, while imports were up \$82 million to \$2.0 billion. The cumulative trade surplus for October 1989-May 1990 totaled \$13.1 billion, \$153 million below a year ago (table 3).

Exports Down in May - U.S. agricultural exports continued their seasonal decline in May to \$3.26 billion. This is \$145 million below the previous month, and \$778 million below the March figure. Decreases in dairy products, wheat, rice, grain sorghum, animal feeds, soybeans, and cotton more than offset increases in corn, barley, live animals, meat, vegetable oils, and horticultural products. October-May exports totaled \$28.5 billion, 2 percent ahead of the same period a year ago.

Corn export volume rose 11 percent in May to 5.4 million tons valued at \$667 million. The Soviet Union was the largest market again this month, taking almost 1.5 million tons. Japan remained second with shipments reaching 1.2 million tons. Other major markets in May included Mexico, Korea, and Taiwan. Average export unit value increased \$6 a ton to \$123.

Wheat exports fell for the second consecutive month to 1.9 million tons. Shipments to the Soviet Union declined sharply to 288,000 tons, ranking third behind China and Japan. Shipments to the Philippines, Korea, and Algeria were also larger in May. Wheat export unit values fell \$3 a ton to \$151.

Soybean exports fell 48 percent in volume from the previous month to 621,000 tons valued at \$148 million. This is the lowest monthly volume figure since September 1989. However, soybean exports generally drop off in the second half of the fiscal year. Taiwan was the largest market followed by Mexico, Japan, and the EC. Average export unit value rose another \$5 a ton to \$239.

Cotton export volume fell another 20 percent in May to 128,000 tons, following a 26 percent drop in April. Declining shipments to China, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, and the EC more than offset increases to Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, and Egypt. The export unit value rebounded from \$1,573 a ton in April to \$1,628 a ton in May. This reflects increased exports of higher-priced, long-staple Pima cotton.

Imports Higher in May - U.S. agricultural imports of almost \$2.0 billion in May were 4 percent above the previous month. Increases are attributed primarily to larger purchases of bananas, cocoa, sugar, and orange juice. Imports of most fresh fruits and vegetables fell sharply in April and again in May. Coffee imports fell slightly in May, but remained well above last year's level. (Steve Milmoe, 202-786-1822)

Coffee Imports: Low prices and High Volume - Since the dissolution of export quotas a year ago by the International Coffee Organization (ICO), U.S. importers have benefitted from greatly reduced prices to import record amounts of coffee. Monthly import volume remained above 100,000 tons for an unprecedented eleventh consecutive month in May (table 4).

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	October-May				May			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	27,863,733	28,512,002	--	--	3,312,397	3,259,784
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	4,392,182	4,382,168	--	--	538,007	578,538
Animals live - excl poultry (NA)	--	--	353,854	266,725	--	--	19,248	20,573
Cattle and calves - live (NO)	213	91	127,008	63,397	12	17	7,692	8,740
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	25	53	171,126	164,784	3	7	8,102	5,854
Swine - live (NO)	165	47	18,898	7,488	1	2	614	704
Sheep and lambs, live (NO)	230	270	8,737	8,964	48	42	1,635	1,326
Other live animals (NA)	--	--	28,085	22,091	--	--	1,205	3,949
Meats and meat products (MT)	545	591	1,568,881	1,612,844	77	74	210,374	221,846
Beef and veal (MT)	211	241	950,667	959,872	34	29	126,521	132,006
Beef and veal - fresh or froz (MT)	206	236	935,725	939,069	33	29	124,118	129,090
Beef - prepared or preserved (MT)	4	6	14,942	20,804	1	1	2,403	2,916
Horsemeat-fresh, chill, froz (MT)	38	37	83,414	96,415	5	5	12,981	13,007
Pork (MT)	54	66	200,384	247,800	8	7	31,443	30,698
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	46	56	179,769	221,965	7	6	29,265	27,103
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	8	11	20,616	25,835	1	1	2,177	3,595
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	193	160	285,951	238,358	20	21	31,474	36,516
Other meats - fresh or prep (MT)	49	86	48,465	70,398	9	12	7,955	9,620
Poultry and poultry products (NA)	--	--	481,874	563,739	--	--	60,916	81,833
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	49,425	63,168	--	--	6,624	9,847
Baby chicks (NO)	23,961	24,855	44,012	51,758	2,931	4,039	5,705	8,433
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	5,414	11,410	--	--	919	1,415
Poultry meats (MT)	302	387	338,636	415,982	41	54	45,092	59,962
Chickens - fresh or froz (MT)	275	352	299,986	351,107	38	49	39,603	50,230
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	11	13	14,002	17,382	2	2	1,782	1,904
Other poultry - fresh or froz (MT)	9	9	11,324	10,091	1	1	1,574	1,266
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	7	13	13,324	37,402	1	2	2,133	6,563
Feathers and down, crude (MT)	2	1	21,335	20,997	0	0	2,558	2,784
Eggs (NA)	--	--	72,477	63,592	--	--	6,641	9,239
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	307,872	206,907	--	--	38,388	21,597
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	10	3	15,530	2,012	1	0	1,688	294
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	80	12	90,901	17,734	14	1	11,389	876
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	6	23	9,153	36,770	3	2	4,228	4,593
Cheese (MT)	10	8	21,214	23,550	1	1	1,846	2,918
Whey, fluid or dried (NA)	--	--	33,644	22,030	--	--	4,026	2,691
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	137,431	104,810	--	--	15,211	10,225
Fats, oils, and greases (MT)	918	877	363,383	319,223	81	130	32,654	46,518
Lard (MT)	44	31	21,241	14,582	6	4	2,749	1,796
Tallow - inedible (MT)	734	705	278,839	246,080	57	110	21,712	37,785
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	140	140	63,303	58,561	18	16	8,193	6,937
Hides and skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	1,137,629	1,224,837	--	--	153,452	161,335
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	17,271	16,952	897,533	905,563	2,448	2,018	120,075	116,970
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	21,284	25,933	--	--	2,944	3,488
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	104,916	151,901	--	--	15,884	24,844
Furskins (NA)	--	--	113,896	141,440	--	--	14,549	16,033
Mink pelts (NO)	2,201	4,442	69,209	100,286	293	640	8,462	10,733
Other furskins (NA)	--	--	44,688	41,154	--	--	6,087	5,300
Wool and mohair (MT)	5	6	29,426	25,938	1	1	6,799	1,990
Sausage casings (MT)	7	7	19,177	23,189	1	1	1,733	2,694
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	31,833	38,898	--	--	3,456	4,846
Misc animal prods - other (NA)	--	--	98,253	99,869	--	--	10,987	15,305
Grains and feeds (MT)	77,707	80,416	11,382,506	11,185,358	10,292	9,234	1,500,466	1,306,886
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	23,890	18,149	3,803,635	2,898,271	2,467	1,950	403,566	293,875
Wheat flour (MT)	831	704	174,316	165,724	103	65	24,806	15,826
Bulgur wheat (MT)	36	13	8,422	2,277	0	1	23	150
Other wheat products (MT)	7	10	6,510	9,571	1	1	707	1,130
Rice-paddy, milled, parboiled (MT)	2,124	1,898	646,927	629,673	350	155	108,020	50,154
Feed grains and products (MT)	42,678	51,413	5,230,940	5,883,828	6,157	6,217	741,894	766,342
Feed grains (MT)	42,416	51,105	5,151,424	5,798,139	6,129	6,193	732,253	758,786
Barley (MT)	965	1,182	122,631	137,842	211	194	28,164	25,497
Corn (MT)	36,017	44,422	4,402,487	5,048,229	5,346	5,440	637,551	666,860
Grain sorghums (MT)	5,339	5,491	615,790	610,962	547	558	63,730	66,324
Oats (MT)	6	7	750	887	0	0	57	68
Rye (MT)	89	3	9,766	220	24	0	2,751	36
Feed grain products (MT)	261	308	79,516	85,689	29	24	9,641	7,556
Popcorn (MT)	45	48	26,307	27,752	4	5	3,087	3,146
Blended food products (MT)	154	135	48,665	40,627	17	26	5,207	8,038
Other grain products (MT)	309	433	163,232	251,442	113	80	34,429	38,227
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	7,634	7,612	1,273,551	1,276,192	1,078	735	178,727	129,997
Corn by-products (MT)	3,745	3,747	557,423	537,550	442	341	64,492	48,536
Alfalfa meal and cubes (MT)	339	355	50,145	55,200	41	36	6,300	5,918
Beet pulp (MT)	494	394	61,882	48,286	39	20	4,784	2,175
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	574	407	69,979	46,247	105	28	13,237	3,313
Other feeds and fodders (MT)	2,481	2,708	534,123	588,909	451	310	89,914	70,055
Fruits and preps, excl juices (MT)	1,441	1,459	1,006,422	1,099,491	210	228	155,011	189,187
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,230	1,232	726,345	782,357	186	199	122,606	147,772
Fruits - fresh citrus (MT)	792	697	422,931	402,142	125	125	68,837	70,846
Grapefruit - fresh (MT)	425	247	205,443	137,515	63	24	30,483	12,841
Lemons and limes - fresh (MT)	96	91	62,700	68,908	11	14	7,792	10,636
Oranges and tangerines-fresh (MT)	267	358	152,156	195,141	50	87	29,784	47,319
Fruits - fresh noncitrus (MT)	437	535	303,413	380,215	61	75	53,769	76,926
Apples - fresh (MT)	211	277	106,364	135,958	14	23	7,172	12,313
Grapes - fresh (MT)	76	65	70,073	66,731	7	3	6,580	4,546
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	151	194	126,977	177,526	40	49	40,017	60,067
Fruits - dried (MT)	110	124	175,403	201,623	12	14	18,889	24,027
Raisins - dried (MT)	62	66	96,542	105,578	7	8	10,557	12,878
Prunes - dried (MT)	41	52	65,157	82,090	4	6	6,717	9,532
Other dried fruits (MT)	7	7	13,703	13,955	1	1	1,615	1,618

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Commodity group and unit	October-May				May			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Fruits, canned, excl juice (MT)	54	52	56,356	54,973	6	8	6,277	7,909
Fruits - frozen, excl juice (MT)	17	17	15,137	18,087	2	2	2,343	3,047
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	30	34	33,181	42,451	4	5	4,897	6,432
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	3,076	3,620	164,383	202,438	600	540	32,571	31,066
Orange juice (HL)	1,543	1,946	79,093	98,594	355	294	16,896	15,444
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,533	1,674	85,290	103,844	246	245	15,675	15,622
Wine (HL)	301	505	52,472	64,544	65	77	7,363	9,425
Nuts and preparations (MT)	348	416	616,617	657,373	34	43	51,729	71,244
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	113	110	351,974	352,645	10	14	32,400	45,018
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	159	228	120,775	140,336	21	26	12,722	16,601
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	60	59	92,540	108,887	1	1	2,260	2,744
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	2	4	6,182	13,423	0	1	658	2,384
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	14	15	45,147	42,083	1	2	3,690	4,497
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	1,048,720	1,415,171	--	--	145,093	200,610
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	494	738	245,548	399,042	87	144	43,537	73,124
Celery - fresh (MT)	48	66	14,909	23,564	10	9	3,011	3,462
Cauliflower - fresh (MT)	23	42	13,289	24,530	3	7	1,936	4,026
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	121	137	37,896	63,390	16	22	4,968	10,973
Onions - fresh (MT)	69	80	18,883	26,062	4	8	1,014	3,600
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	59	73	21,041	28,988	19	23	6,835	9,566
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	54	68	36,059	48,013	10	15	6,743	7,849
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	121	273	103,473	184,494	25	59	19,031	33,647
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	187	208	138,227	163,214	24	30	19,134	24,209
Corn, sweet, frozen (MT)	38	38	28,183	30,478	4	4	3,182	3,634
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	109	126	73,831	89,692	14	19	9,462	13,880
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	40	44	36,213	43,044	6	6	6,490	6,695
Vegetables - canned (MT)	117	137	102,710	118,656	8	18	7,780	14,494
Pulses (MT)	351	436	193,095	236,154	37	40	20,313	21,275
Dried beans (MT)	247	294	154,878	185,398	26	24	15,660	15,124
Dried peas (MT)	80	105	25,604	32,834	6	12	2,143	4,283
Dried lentils (MT)	25	36	12,613	17,922	5	4	2,510	1,868
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	8	10	51,629	59,387	2	1	9,815	4,281
Other veg - prep or pres (NA)	--	--	317,511	438,719	--	--	44,513	63,227
Oilseeds and products (MT)	17,359	18,932	5,428,373	4,718,647	1,325	1,206	411,545	342,060
Oilcake and meal (MT)	4,263	3,487	1,188,190	751,923	534	398	138,471	79,382
Soybean meal (MT)	4,156	3,409	1,170,474	738,152	507	387	135,244	77,574
Other oilcake and meal (MT)	107	78	17,715	13,771	27	11	3,227	1,807
Oilseeds (MT)	12,170	14,570	3,665,260	3,433,822	663	680	195,502	179,435
Soybeans (MT)	11,837	14,187	3,475,181	3,214,873	634	621	177,736	148,195
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	63	77	33,638	41,448	3	8	1,444	4,496
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	45	52	36,966	36,869	3	4	2,360	2,984
Other oilseeds (MT)	181	209	54,076	56,521	18	40	5,835	10,422
Protein substances (MT)	44	46	65,399	84,111	5	7	8,126	13,338
Vegetable oils (MT)	926	875	574,923	532,902	129	127	77,572	83,243
Soybean oil (MT)	444	387	245,881	198,116	73	51	39,701	30,642
Cottonseed oil (MT)	99	123	51,096	57,575	8	18	3,779	8,429
Sunflower oil (MT)	152	124	75,711	65,402	14	20	7,120	10,751
Corn oil (MT)	110	126	69,504	79,995	17	23	11,048	14,534
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	121	114	132,731	131,915	17	16	15,925	18,886
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	169	177	1,028,362	1,092,512	15	19	93,304	123,816
Tobacco - light air-cured (MT)	41	39	283,209	264,115	8	7	54,562	52,843
Tobacco - flue cured (MT)	90	103	595,588	676,752	3	7	21,670	51,331
Other tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	38	36	149,565	151,644	4	4	17,072	19,642
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	972	1,245	1,342,777	2,017,512	148	128	202,885	208,391
Cotton linters (MT)	36	29	13,536	11,926	4	2	1,716	763
Essential oils (MT)	9	10	117,212	128,711	1	2	14,243	16,139
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	291	346	370,183	429,394	24	25	27,759	21,352
Sugar and tropical products (NA)	--	--	494,406	531,846	--	--	47,670	63,602
Sugar and related prods (NA)	--	--	179,907	237,104	--	--	19,034	30,082
Sugar - cane or beet (MT)	218	279	77,389	114,220	28	24	8,245	10,779
Related sugar prods (NA)	--	--	102,518	122,885	--	--	10,789	19,303
Coffee (MT)	11	11	60,106	67,090	1	1	6,457	5,883
Cocoa (MT)	6	65	14,192	28,586	1	2	1,786	4,405
Chocolate and preparations (MT)	33	40	107,134	123,542	4	4	10,852	12,048
Tea and mate' (MT)	3	6	16,066	27,257	1	1	3,415	4,350
Spices (MT)	6	7	18,264	21,219	1	1	2,144	3,200
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	25	14	42,121	25,178	2	2	3,506	3,275
Other misc veg prods (MT)	27	21	147,430	164,715	3	3	14,436	17,983
Nursery and greenhouse products (NA)	--	--	78,321	134,449	--	--	12,658	22,677
Beverages, excl juices (NA)	--	--	179,828	275,745	--	--	55,940	56,047
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	7,019,819	8,232,589	--	--	977,578	1,218,755
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,736,277	1,608,031	--	--	265,824	246,887
Fish and shellfish (MT)	387	465	1,202,744	1,357,773	49	83	153,897	217,875
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	188	296	567,640	659,813	31	53	91,676	132,063
Shellfish (MT)	82	100	444,529	516,226	9	17	42,956	71,692
Other fish products (MT)	117	69	190,576	181,734	9	13	19,265	14,121
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	192	171	964,560	970,191	21	23	101,769	124,186
Fungicides (MT)	18	16	106,293	125,819	2	2	12,798	11,815
Herbicides (MT)	100	87	503,469	489,746	10	11	51,570	59,726
Insecticides (MT)	49	43	208,225	166,050	7	7	21,342	27,773
Other pesticides (MT)	25	25	146,573	188,576	2	2	16,060	24,872
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,028,490	1,391,086	--	--	170,550	205,783
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	30	25	361,913	466,536	3	3	64,319	71,999
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	666,577	924,550	--	--	106,231	133,784
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	2,087,749	2,905,508	--	--	285,538	424,024

Preliminary data. NA = Not available. Zeros in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	October-May				May			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	14,639,684	15,440,711	--	--	1,938,914	1,976,280
Noncompetitive agr. imports (NA)	--	--	4,173,316	3,841,972	--	--	544,793	512,431
Bananas and plantains (MT)	2,016	2,172	567,277	624,746	289	314	81,403	90,673
Coffee, including products (MT)	659	949	1,598,021	1,440,036	80	103	209,581	161,714
Cocoa and products (MT)	389	481	677,942	692,703	46	83	75,216	123,121
Tea and mate' (MT)	60	62	88,608	105,982	9	8	12,344	13,681
Spices (MT)	71	71	187,141	159,448	9	10	25,426	22,519
Rubber & allied gums-crude (MT)	646	557	769,855	473,342	88	66	101,142	54,843
Silk - raw (MT)	0	0	6,843	8,517	0	0	935	616
Wool, unmanufactured-carpet (MT)	11	10	40,447	31,844	2	1	6,198	4,050
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	55	63	26,425	28,429	10	8	4,218	3,793
Essential oils (MT)	11	28	95,466	99,266	1	1	11,285	12,489
Drugs - crude - natural (MT)	29	37	109,831	177,084	7	3	21,045	24,758
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	5,460	573	--	--	0	175
Competitive agricult imports (NA)	--	--	10,466,367	11,598,740	--	--	1,394,122	1,463,849
Animals and animal products (NA)	--	--	3,351,664	3,657,689	--	--	427,343	465,923
Animals-live, excl. poultry (NO)	1,890	2,226	564,405	762,116	176	297	55,976	111,757
Cattle - live (NO)	996	1,516	443,412	652,530	71	210	44,050	98,965
Horses & mules - live (NO)	7	9	42,958	40,482	1	1	3,787	3,312
Swine - live (NO)	821	685	73,856	67,486	74	85	7,192	9,386
Sheep - live (NO)	48	15	3,610	1,122	29	0	888	48
Other live animals (NO)	20	2	569	496	0	0	60	45
Meats and prods exc. poultry (M)	737	736	1,613,978	1,832,041	98	92	219,044	225,669
Beef and veal (MT)	440	490	990,979	1,208,594	62	61	142,434	144,625
Beef & veal-fresh/frozen (MT)	396	437	877,603	1,057,514	58	55	132,314	126,761
Beef & veal-prep or pres (MT)	44	53	113,376	151,081	4	6	10,120	17,864
Pork (MT)	263	214	536,544	543,906	32	28	65,791	73,550
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	169	136	269,852	271,414	21	19	35,202	42,367
Pork-prepared, preservd (MT)	94	77	266,692	272,492	11	9	30,589	31,183
Mutton, goat, & lamb (MT)	13	12	27,086	28,107	2	1	3,933	2,836
Horsemeat - fr or froz (MT)	0	0	19	49	0	0	13	0
Variety meats-fresh/froz (MT)	8	7	13,200	11,219	1	1	2,086	1,495
Other meats-fresh or froz(MT)	3	1	17,873	7,434	0	0	7,693	259
Other meats & products (MT)	11	13	28,277	34,732	1	1	3,094	2,904
Poultry and products (NA)	--	--	79,976	88,781	--	--	12,234	10,368
Poultry - live (NA)	--	--	8,811	10,605	--	--	4,418	1,142
Poultry meat (MT)	3	3	9,880	12,236	0	0	1,358	1,705
Eggs (NA)	--	--	14,488	16,578	--	--	2,679	2,887
Feathers & downs - crude (MT)	8	9	46,796	49,361	1	1	6,779	4,634
Dairy products (NA)	--	--	538,522	606,135	--	--	75,582	79,270
Milk & cream, fres/dried (MT)	11	12	11,651	13,666	1	2	1,142	2,425
Butter & butterfat mixt (MT)	1	2	2,620	3,126	0	0	241	139
Cheese (MT)	75	93	236,840	287,045	8	12	25,680	35,661
Casein & mixtures (MT)	45	56	206,226	261,043	9	8	43,390	35,594
Other dairy products (NA)	--	--	81,185	41,254	--	--	5,129	5,450
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	10	12	9,404	9,861	1	2	5,075	5,342
Hides & skins, incl furs (NA)	--	--	187,884	100,619	--	--	20,791	11,444
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	5	5	27,893	24,945	1	0	3,826	1,727
Oth hides & skins ex fur (NA)	--	--	46,025	42,763	--	--	5,687	6,868
Furskins (NA)	--	--	113,966	32,910	--	--	11,279	2,848
Wool-unmfg, apparel grades (MT)	34	26	206,333	108,903	5	2	23,545	7,416
Sausage casings (MT)	10	9	43,976	34,622	1	1	5,263	4,798
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	2,637	1,958	--	--	280	319
Misc. animal products (NA)	--	--	104,549	112,656	--	--	13,552	13,541
Grains, products, & feeds (MT)	2,324	2,301	755,639	792,030	294	282	94,722	96,104
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	188	262	33,863	40,782	6	54	1,154	8,186
Corn, unmilled (MT)	36	28	17,195	3,551	3	7	404	708
Oats, unmilled (MT)	798	698	112,284	70,406	116	54	15,423	5,260
Barley, unmilled (MT)	162	201	28,486	33,515	25	32	4,527	5,490
Rice (MT)	79	96	37,287	48,513	13	15	6,038	7,295
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	97	107	203,542	226,439	13	12	23,873	22,981
Pasta & noodles (MT)	78	92	66,345	84,038	11	14	10,557	12,373
Other grains & preps (NA)	--	--	112,933	113,099	--	--	13,410	13,983
Feeds & fodders ex oilcake (MT)	711	650	143,704	171,687	86	70	19,335	19,827
Fruits & preparations (MT)	1,487	1,539	823,494	910,926	243	208	123,642	111,576
Fruits - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,133	1,183	549,650	628,157	192	164	85,604	76,250
Strawberries fresh o/froz (MT)	34	42	29,531	40,316	6	6	3,510	4,386
Apples, fresh (MT)	90	78	38,912	30,324	30	17	14,813	6,270
Citrus, fresh (MT)	59	61	15,640	18,291	5	5	1,062	1,347
Grapes, fresh (MT)	264	346	199,967	261,136	17	15	17,572	10,290
Mangoes, fresh (MT)	18	24	15,477	23,375	10	12	8,687	12,890
Melons, fresh (MT)	470	405	125,595	112,643	105	81	28,337	22,962
Pineapples, fresh (MT)	63	75	26,902	31,754	9	12	3,546	5,034
Other fruits- fresh or frozen	135	153	97,625	110,318	10	14	8,077	13,072
Fruits - prepared or preserved	354	357	273,844	282,769	51	43	38,037	35,326
Pineapples-canned or prep (MT)	190	183	113,343	106,368	29	24	16,749	15,504
Other fruits-prep or pres (MT)	164	174	160,502	176,401	22	19	21,289	19,823
Orange juice (HL)	11,751	14,548	407,677	466,813	1,716	1,746	56,375	70,033
Other fruit juices (HL)	9,083	8,308	206,129	191,066	1,211	1,398	26,496	30,483
Nuts and preparations (MT)	86	98	210,220	221,648	9	11	20,517	21,882
Brazil nuts (MT)	3	6	8,050	10,718	0	3	505	2,853
Cashew nuts (MT)	29	33	132,003	128,318	3	4	12,582	13,620
Chestnuts (MT)	4	4	8,471	10,104	0	0	93	88
Coconut meat (MT)	30	34	25,553	27,111	4	2	3,211	1,758
Filberts (MT)	2	0	5,867	657	0	0	241	103
Macadamia nuts (MT)	1	1	11,391	8,715	0	0	1,585	443
Pistachio nuts (MT)	0	2	1,345	6,293	0	0	239	125
Other nuts (MT)	18	18	17,541	29,732	1	2	2,060	2,891

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity - continued

Commodity and unit	October-May				May			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1988/89	1989/90	1988/89	1989/90	1989	1990	1989	1990
Vegetables and preparations (NA)	--	--	1,426,198	1,773,900	--	--	189,416	158,898
Vegetables-fresh or frozen (MT)	1,426	1,544	737,645	1,048,605	123	106	81,771	54,568
Tomatoes (MT)	285	328	181,747	367,607	30	14	27,241	6,834
Asparagus (MT)	11	15	14,818	23,642	0	0	39	30
Beans (MT)	20	18	17,748	21,017	1	1	1,343	485
Carrots (MT)	43	49	10,013	9,873	4	3	950	480
Cucumbers (MT)	185	181	75,311	71,865	4	7	2,098	2,712
Eggplant (MT)	17	14	8,538	16,819	1	1	286	515
Garlic (MT)	8	12	6,753	13,285	2	3	1,407	2,107
Lettuce (MT)	23	11	8,202	4,242	0	0	33	19
Onions (MT)	136	156	54,750	58,546	15	16	6,515	7,122
Peas, including chickpeas (MT)	36	31	36,570	39,574	3	2	4,126	2,282
Peppers (MT)	111	114	82,555	137,515	8	6	13,635	8,123
Potatoes (MT)	202	209	55,016	59,776	22	24	6,641	6,031
Squash (MT)	71	76	33,150	42,394	4	4	1,086	1,304
Other veggies-fresh or froz (MT)	277	328	152,474	182,450	27	27	16,371	16,522
Vegetables-prep or preserv (NA)	--	--	688,553	725,295	--	--	107,645	104,331
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	46	47	91,055	97,825	5	5	11,767	10,940
Mushrooms canned (MT)	35	31	85,159	79,312	6	5	14,913	13,287
Hops, incl extract (MT)	5	8	23,845	34,682	0	0	1,608	999
Artichokes - prepared (MT)	6	8	12,180	16,049	2	1	4,180	1,400
Asparagus - prepared (MT)	2	1	3,624	1,629	0	0	155	51
Tomatoes inc paste & sauce(MT)	141	109	117,110	100,306	31	27	28,672	23,317
Waterchestnuts (MT)	18	24	13,968	18,794	3	4	2,100	3,277
Beans and peas, dried (MT)	39	36	20,940	20,209	5	6	2,610	3,328
Oth vegetables-prep/pres (NA)	--	--	320,673	356,490	--	--	41,641	47,732
Sugar and related products (NA)	--	--	560,286	738,951	--	--	78,090	128,470
Sugar - cane and beet (MT)	995	1,172	361,239	488,696	126	219	47,651	94,036
Molasses - inedible (MT)	2,428	5,426	40,768	51,817	693	560	5,312	7,173
Confectionery products (MT)	44	66	79,157	118,490	8	9	13,603	16,293
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	189	179	79,122	79,948	26	25	11,524	10,967
Spices (MT)	15	14	27,770	19,473	2	3	4,963	4,126
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	108	116	326,437	347,398	16	16	45,614	45,013
Tobacco - filler (MT)	97	109	312,406	336,213	13	13	42,671	43,084
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	9	6	5,071	3,311	3	3	852	1,179
Other tobacco (MT)	2	1	8,960	7,874	0	0	2,091	751
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	8,819	8,557	1,182,936	1,215,971	1,315	1,262	166,578	167,323
Wine (HL)	1,930	1,889	616,617	639,405	244	207	79,342	74,583
Malt beverages (HL)	6,346	6,195	524,444	541,447	987	998	80,965	88,000
Other beverages (HL)	544	474	41,875	35,119	85	57	6,371	4,740
Oilseeds and products (MT)	1,334	1,361	650,110	650,287	168	156	83,782	88,442
Oilseeds and oilnuts (MT)	321	377	117,386	145,215	62	41	22,147	18,628
Flaxseed (MT)	134	83	45,522	27,043	11	8	3,613	2,546
Sesameseed (MT)	27	32	23,118	38,060	4	5	3,933	6,246
Other oilseeds and oilnuts(MT)	160	262	48,746	80,111	48	28	14,601	9,836
Oils and waxes-vegetable (MT)	773	785	487,655	473,258	77	92	56,752	66,177
Castor oil (MT)	29	32	26,393	29,670	4	5	4,163	4,672
Coconut oil (MT)	211	331	106,392	144,400	21	37	10,296	13,380
Olive oil (MT)	57	60	99,042	118,775	9	13	18,770	26,922
Palm oil (MT)	96	85	38,700	22,199	4	8	1,367	1,911
Palm kernel oil (MT)	123	102	68,523	44,799	13	5	6,482	2,184
Other oils and waxes-veg. (MT)	257	175	148,606	113,414	26	23	15,673	17,109
Oilcake and meal (MT)	240	199	45,069	31,815	29	23	4,883	3,638
Cotton, excluding linters (MT)	1	0	3,162	422	0	0	0	183
Cotton linters (MT)	6	22	1,972	12,887	2	2	442	1,650
Seeds - field and garden (MT)	144	155	148,134	128,985	10	11	15,871	13,072
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	219,438	225,985	--	--	36,059	33,459
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	98,889	140,557	--	--	11,688	12,019
Other vegetable products (MT)	18	30	66,213	103,751	3	5	12,425	15,193
Selected non-agric. imports (NA)	--	--	6,650,062	6,787,096	--	--	891,356	844,648
Fertilizers (MT) 1/	24,293	11,361	1,250,567	1,042,198	13,594	1,248	140,124	108,739
Potassium (MT)	5,155	5,000	461,711	407,324	539	473	49,690	37,806
Nitrogen (MT) 1/	16,871	3,494	578,157	433,882	12,693	359	57,139	37,518
Phosphate (MT)	2,081	2,853	180,483	197,948	355	415	32,425	33,109
Mixed and org fertilzrs (MT)	155	0	25,125	0	0	0	0	0
Fish and shellfish(MT)	16,556	931	3,455,969	3,469,690	133	113	475,671	426,167
Fish - fresh or prepared (MT)	612	630	1,596,920	1,682,163	97	72	251,510	191,865
Shellfish (MT)	230	246	1,805,420	1,754,164	28	31	219,474	229,432
Fish products, other (MT)	15,714	55	53,629	33,363	8	10	4,686	4,869
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	46	71	257,952	400,742	9	9	39,765	47,951
Fungicides (MT)	8	12	28,587	31,280	2	3	5,316	4,572
Herbicides (MT)	6	10	73,106	98,798	1	2	4,175	16,882
Insecticides (MT)	1	3	19,728	25,255	0	0	2,233	4,315
Other pesticides (MT)	30	46	136,531	245,409	6	4	28,041	22,182
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,627,521	1,807,794	--	--	227,626	253,006
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	594	1,212	733,987	874,487	77	86	99,985	122,904
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	893,534	933,308	--	--	127,641	130,102
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	58,053	66,671	--	--	8,170	8,785

1/ Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary.

NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

Item	Mar	Apr	May	FY to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.	Percent
Agricultural exports	4,038	3,348	3,260	28,512	2.3	
Imports (c.i.f.)	2,307	2,074	2,139	17,113	4.6	
Imports (Customs val.)	2,143	1,894	1,976	15,441	5.5	
Trade Balance:						
Exports minus cif imports	1,731	1,274	1,121	11,343	-1.4	
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,896	1,454	1,284	13,071	-1.2	

Preliminary data.

Table 4--U.S. coffee imports, October 1988-May 1990

	Quantity		Average Import Unit Value	
	FY 89	FY 90	FY 89	FY 90
	--1,000 tons--		--dollars/ton--	
October	82	135	2,372	1,572
November	75	108	2,567	1,469
December	65	103	2,625	1,474
January	100	120	2,283	1,476
February	82	123	2,479	1,520
March	86	145	2,343	1,524
April	89	110	2,266	1,550
May	80	103	2,570	1,570
June	76		2,463	
July	104		2,250	
August	124		1,901	
September	121		1,754	
Fiscal year	1,084		2,276	

Note: Coffee imports include beans and processed coffee.

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Mar	Apr	May	FY to date	Change from prev. year	Percent
Total	4,038	3,348	3,260	28,512	2.3	
Live animals	36	26	30	330	-18.2	
Meat & preps	285	251	282	2,029	6.4	
Dairy prod & eggs	33	42	31	270	-28.9	
Animal fats	46	31	47	319	-12.2	
Hides & skins	176	163	161	1,225	7.7	
Wheat	457	355	294	2,898	-23.8	
Rice	85	81	50	630	-2.7	
Corn	554	577	667	5,048	14.7	
Other feed grains	88	101	92	750	0.1	
Animal feeds	330	250	209	2,028	-17.6	
Soybeans	535	277	148	3,215	-7.5	
Vegetable oils	82	56	83	533	-7.3	
Horticul. prods.	545	511	579	4,144	20.5	
Cotton & linters	348	253	209	2,029	49.6	
Tobacco, unmfg.	168	120	124	1,093	6.2	

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Mar	Apr	May	FY to date	Change from prev. year	Percent
Total	2,143	1,894	1,976	15,441	5.5	
Live animals	94	105	113	773	34.8	
Meat & preps.	257	214	227	1,844	13.6	
Dairy prod, eggs	64	68	82	623	12.6	
Grains & feeds	86	99	96	792	4.8	
Fruits & nuts	361	322	325	2,415	9.0	
Vegetables	308	176	3	30	69.5	
Vegetable oils	45	59	10	80	64.3	
Wine	64	62	167	1,216	2.8	
Malt beverages	68	75	75	639	3.7	
Coffee	221	170	162	1,440	-9.9	
Cocoa	89	99	123	693	2.2	
Rubber, natural	69	53	55	473	-38.5	
Sugar	88	73	128	739	31.9	
Tobacco, unmfg.	47	44	4	19	-29.9	
Seeds, flowers	67	69	48	368	-0.5	

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